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**DETAILED ACTION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Colligan on 5/30/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

**Original Claim 19:**

In original claim 19, please delete "according to claim 20" and insert --according to claim 18--.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-19 are allowed.

***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Heckert whose telephone number is (571) 272-2702. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Friday, 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on (571)272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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